



Office of Administrative Services
Freedom of Information Act Office

April 27, 2016

Mr. Alix Town
701 Pike St., Suite 1700
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Town:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2016-000557), submitted on March 24, 2016, in which you requested the following:

"I am requesting copies of: 1) the Government's Independent Estimate for Solicitation No. GS-07P-13-JU-D-0021 and 2) all documentation used to develop and support the Government's Independent Estimate for Solicitation No. GS-07P-13-JU-D-0021. FOIA provides that, if any parts of a file or record are exempt from disclosure, "reasonably segregable" portions must be released. Therefore, I request that, if you determine any portions of the requested records to be exempt from disclosure, you provide me with: (1) all records or portions thereof which are not so exempt, (2) a detailed list and description of all records or portions thereof for which an exemption is claimed, and (3) a discussion of why those records or portions of records are believed to fall within an exemption. See *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974); *Mead Data Central, Inc. v. Dep't of the Air Force*, 566 F.2s 242, 251 (D.C. Cir. 1977): When an agency seeks to withhold information it must provide a relatively detailed justification, specifically identifying the reasons why a particular exemption is relevant and correlating those claims with the particular part of a withheld document to which they apply. Accord, e.g., *Coastal States Gas Corp. v. Dep't of Energy*, 617 F.2d 854 (D.C. Cir. 1980). Please note that your agency has the burden of proving that any information you may seek to withhold falls within the FOIA exemption you claim. *Lewis v. IRS*, 823 F.2d 375 (9th Cir. 1987). Your prompt attention is appreciated. 5 U.S.C § 552(a)(6)(A)(i) requires that your agency: (1) determine within 20 working days after receipt of this request whether the agency will comply, and (2) immediately notify me of the agency's determination, the reasons for your determination, and appeal rights in the event of an adverse determination.."

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Enclosed please find a zip file containing seven documents that are responsive to your request. No other documents or attachments are associated with the Government's Independent Estimate.

GSA has redacted monthly pricing for basic services under the provisions of FOIA's fifth statutory exemption (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)). This exemption allows the withholding of predecisional Agency records and documents that reflect and describe an agency's decisionmaking process leading up to the award of a contract.

Based on the information cited above, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the partial denial of records under FOIA. To do so, you must write, within 120 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1C)
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Enclose copies of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Paul Szymanski, Supervisory Contracting Specialist at 817-235-4529 or by email at paul.szymanski@gsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Travis S. Lewis

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures